

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS, BUT WE NOTICE THE FLORIST IS THE GUY WHO GETS THE CHECK.

## R. Edgar's COLUMN

Col. Miller is going to receive his answer May 4 whether or not Minnesota will sanction the Willard-Fulton bout.

THE Minnesota "Committee of Safety" isn't going off half-cock. It has decided to hang fire until May 4, on which date it will inform Col. Miller whether or not Minnesota is willing to accept a large bank of coin from the Willard-Fulton bout and let the promoter hand a still larger amount over to war funds, as well as invest a hundred thousand or more in Liberty bonds.

OF course this delay in the arrangements cannot be entirely agreeable to the Colonel. He has a big fight contract on his hands, and he has made a very fair proposition to the authorities in Minnesota, where the holding of the bout is entirely within the law.

The "objections" of the few professional "reformers" are utterly nonsensical. It's a pity that politicians and office-holders are weak-kneed enough to be influenced by anything of this kind—but they always are.

If Willard or Fulton was another Johnson, with all the objectionable features of the negro champion, it would be an entirely different matter. Or if either Willard or Fulton was a disreputable individual there might be reason for opposing the bout.

But there is no question of race trouble, or of anything underhanded or dishonest in connection with the affair. Willard is a clean, decent sort of a champion, rather a negative character with no outstanding qualities, either good or bad—but quiet, good humored and in everything but strength an average sort of a citizen. He has his family, and he lives at home when his business lets him. He never makes trouble or looks for trouble. When Jack Dempsey excitedly approached him, and in a Western town, recently, challenged him and dared him to fight in the street, Willard laughed at Dempsey in a good-natured way, walked around him, and went about his business. Probably he could have wiped up the whole block with Dempsey. He's no roughneck—but just a plain, good-natured farmer, who can fight when he wants or use his fists when he needs them.

As for Fulton, he is another family man. He found a few years ago that he could give that large and growing family of his a better home and more advantages as a boxer than as a planter, and he gave up planter for boxer. He has done well. Fulton doesn't drink, and as far as I know he doesn't smoke, and he is a chewing gum. When he stops at a hotel all the old ladies in the place make friends with him. As for the young ones, he doesn't even get them out of the corner of his eye.

So there we are—a heavyweight champion fit to be fought before any Sunday school. What more can the gentlemen who are so worried over the safety of Minnesota want?

THE nimble press agent of the "Wrestling Trust" is sending out a lot of typewritten guff about a \$50,000 purse for a wrestling bout between two grapplers.

Why should Willard and Fulton be roomed as penny-pinching slackers? They have offered to take their prize for a real championship contest in Liberty Bonds, and have agreed to an arrangement by which nearly half the gate receipts at their coming match shall go to war funds, taxes and charities.

We don't hear of any such offers from the wrestling combine.

THIS is a critical time in the great war. We are all working to raise a great Liberty Loan to put America nearer the front in the fighting that is to "Make the World Safe for Democracy." We are raising funds to buy athletic equipment for our troops in a score of camps. We are giving what we can to the Red Cross.

While every one is straining to turn every spare dollar to Uncle Sam's use, why should a couple of mat artists from some Middle Western farm come to New York and carry off \$50,000, or any other large sum, to swell their private bank rolls? Why should New Yorkers, just at this time, be willing to pay \$5 or \$10 a seat for any entertainment at, or perhaps more than that, when all that Uncle Sam will get out of it is the Federal tax? MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY. BUY LIBERTY BONDS.

# BEST SPORTING PAGE IN NEW YORK

## BASEBALL PLAYERS MISS OLD-TIME LUXURIES THIS SEASON

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## High School of Commerce Has Given 400 to the War

Many of Her Noted Athletes Now Doing Uncle Sam's Work.

THE benefits derived from school boy athletics is bearing fruit in this great struggle for freedom. Many of Uncle Sam's finest got their start battling on the school gridirons and diamonds in and around New York.

High School of Commerce has done her share toward giving her boys to the army and the navy. Her honor roll has nearly 400 names, among whom are those that made history for the school in athletics not so long ago.

How many Commerce men will forget the name of Blodgett? Very few. Hank used to be a platoon high and far. He is now in command of a United States boat.

Then there were the two Cann boys—Howard and Teddy. No greater athletes ever wore a pair of spikes or molehills than Howard. A great track man. A wonderful football player. He is now giving Uncle Sam the benefits of the training while a schoolboy.

His younger brother, Teddy, has already won the highest honors Uncle Sam confers on a soldier or sailor for bravery.

Teddy, who was no doubt one of the greatest swimmers ever turned out in the schools of Greater New York, made good use of his ability not so long ago. The boat he was stationed on sprung a leak. The water was coming in with great rapidity. It was Teddy who dove down and plugged the hole, saving the boat and crew. The result was the above mentioned reward.

Clapp is another name that will always remain dear to Commerce boys. Clapp the fearless. When this boy could hit the opposing half back with one of his low diving tackles it was some time before this half-back would forget the sensation—not a pleasant one.

Clapp is now making flying tackles at the German air ships. Reports have given him credit for making a couple thus far.

These boys are making good, so are many others who got their start battling among themselves, while school boys.

## Spring Tourney Opens To-Day on Lakewood Links

The annual spring tournament begins on the links of the Lakewood Country Club to-day.

W. S. Van Clief of Richmond County returned a card of 88-15-73 and won the Shanley Memorial Cup in the preliminaries. This event is for seniors owning up to fifty-five years or more, and about thirty enemies of Dr. Osier drove off from the first tee.

Had it not been for the custom of allowing a player to walk off with only one prize, Van Clief would have gathered in the gross as well, but it was George W. Stattel of Aronimink, who received the gross award presented by the club. He made the round in an even 90, which is an improvement on his form displayed here last fall.

Had it not been for a bad start, Van Clief would have returned a card several strokes lower. He took 7 for the first hole. That was three strokes in many, and under the circumstances he did well to reach the turn in 45.

## Matty Is Urgently Called By Our Boys 'Over There'

Pershing's Men Vote "Big Six" the Most Popular Player and Want Him to Go Abroad to Superintend Baseball Affairs

By Alex. Sullivan.

CHRISTY MATTHEWSON, generally regarded the best pitcher in the history of the game, is confronted with the most serious problem of his career. It's the baseball problem, too, but it's one unlike any he has ever been called on before to decide.

Our soldier boys abroad have sent here an urgent appeal for "Big Six" to go across to promote baseball games among them. If Matty goes it will mean the breaking of his contract with the Reds, whom he now manages and also the parting from his wife and kiddies.

But his country's interests have always been uppermost among any they expect to hear any day that he has made up his mind to answer the call from the boys over there.

It is a distinct compliment to Matty to be asked by our fighting lads to superintend their baseball interests. Matty received an overwhelming majority in a vote to select the most desirable baseball man to look after the diamond doings of General Pershing's men. This news is contained in a cablegram sent by E. C. Carter, who is in charge of Y. M. C. A. activities in France.

Matty has always been very much devoted to the promotion of anything that the Y. M. C. A. attempted. All last winter he served this organization at Camp Sheridan.

The following telegram, signed by William Sloane, Chairman of the National War Work Council, has been sent to Matthewson:

"To meet the imperative demand overseas, the War Personnel Board of the Y. M. C. A. is asked to send the most 1,000 men prominent in business and professional life, including a large number of athletic directors. Special cables from these in authority urge you to come over with important relation to the promotion

## Giebel's Work Gives Berkeley Water Victory

Berkeley Irving School captured the lion's share of the laurels at the annual interscholastic water carnival of the New York A. C. held in the home pool.

They ran up a total of 25 points as against 10 scored by Dwight Clinton H. S., 9 by Erasmus Hall of Brooklyn, and 8 by Boston English H. S. next in line.

Leo Giebel of the victorious team was the individual star. He won the 100-yard swim in 60 1-2's, the 220-yard event in 2m. 37 1-2's, and helped his school capture the 200-yard relay race in 1m. 55s.

Giebel had an easy time of it in the 100-yard contest, defeating by nearly 20 yards Clarence Ross of Erasmus Hall, who just managed to nose out Paul Chase of Berkeley Irving for second place, but the 100-yard sprint was hotly contested.

In fact, Sidney Biddell of Boston English H. S. was in the lead up to sixty yards and seemed to have an excellent chance to win, when he collided with J. Burrill of Erasmus, who was far out of his course.

Burrill was disqualified, but Biddell recovered and there he stayed to the end. Martial Von Schelle of Princeton Prep finishing second to Giebel by about three feet.

Biddell showed his class in the 50-yard swim. He romped away from his field in the deciding trial and beat his nearest rival, Von Schelle, by more than one yard in the fast time of 28 1-2's.

John Kane of All Hallows' School outscored his opponents by a wide margin in the fancy diving contest. He was awarded a total of 22.5 points, and Henry McAnany of Berkeley-Irvine took second with 19.2 points.

The plunge for a distance went to Charles Rosenbaum of De Witt Clinton, with 69.9 feet, and Adolph Hahn of Rutgers Prep secured the place, with 68 feet.

Of baseball for the entire American Army. Such an opportunity has never been presented to any man. We are hopeful, if this appeal is placed before your management, they will see in it a chance to serve thousands of Americans now enduring the terrific strain and make a great contribution toward winning the war.

We are not unmindful of the financial sacrifice involved and the difficulty in making the necessary readjustments. We hope that patriotic managers will lead you and your management to accede to this request. When and where could you meet our representative to discuss the entire matter?

Not only because of his remarkable ability as a pitcher over a long period of years, but because of his gentlemanly conduct both on and off the ball field, Matty has always been the most popular baseball player that ever appeared in a local uniform. It was with distinct regret that the fans saw him slip away to Cincinnati to take charge of the Reds, not only because they felt sorry for him for tackling such a hitherto hopeless proposition as the Reds, but because the fans thought that the New York club ought to pension Matty and retire him.

Matty has made good with a vengeance as the Reds' leader. His club this season is recognized as one of the few clubs the Giants have to fear.

Ty Cobb jumped into the game with Cleveland at Detroit, his batting eye not dimmed a bit because of his late start. The first two times up he made hits, enabling the Tigers to secure a running jump on their rivals.

Bill Donovan, now a Tiger coach, auctioned off an autographed baseball for \$400 for the Detroit naval recruiting office.

Federal Judge K. M. Landis, who at one time appeared to have organized baseball at his mercy because it was up to him to decide at the request of the Federal League whether or not to organize baseball was a trust in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, was at the Cuba opening home game and rooted for them to beat the Cards. Gov. Lowden of Illinois was also on deck.

George Burns, the former Detroit first baseman, but now serving with the Athletics in the same capacity, beat the Red Sox by being out at home run with two on bases in the eighth inning off Babe Ruth.

THE MAN WITH THE PUNCH IMPRESSES YOU SO LONG AS HE KEEPS HIS HANDS IN HIS POCKETS.

## DAWSON TO COACH COLUMBIA BOYS IN THREE SPORTS

Former Princeton Mentor to Instruct Local Collegians in Baseball, Football and Basketball.

Columbia announced that Fred E. Dawson, coach of baseball and football at Princeton, will coach the varsity football, basketball and baseball teams on Morningside Heights, starting next fall.

Dawson will succeed Nelson Metcalf as coach of the football team and Andy Coakley, who has been handling the Columbia nine for four years, will be displaced.

Metcalf resigned some time ago to accept the position of director of athletics at Oberlin College. Dawson's appointment as coach of the varsity football, basketball and baseball teams means that John Murray will not be re-engaged in that spot.

In making the announcement Mr. Nagel spoke of the coaching staff of Dawson, who began his athletic career as quarterback on the Columbia 1908 freshman football team and went to Princeton in the fall of 1906 after spending one year at Columbia.

Mr. Nagel said that Dawson would become a member of the Department of Physical Education and would be a resident coach. Under the terms under which the university authorities agreed to Dawson's appointment, Dawson will be a member of the Physical Education Department and must hold an appointment from the university trustees.

Dawson's athletic career at Princeton was brilliant. He played varsity baseball for three seasons as catcher and was Captain of the team in his senior year. He also earned his "C" in football.

Following his graduation he went into business for two years but in 1912 was engaged as general coach at Union College, where he coached the varsity football team. He served Union until April 1, 1917, when Princeton called him to assume control of the varsity football and football teams. He developed a fairly strong freshman eleven last fall, going down before the end of the season.

In the absence of Bill Clark, who is in France, Dawson will coach the varsity and freshman baseball squads at Princeton this spring and was down to coach the varsity eleven next fall.

Princeton was loath to let Dawson go to Columbia, and bid him to keep him. Dawson, however, desired to be in New York to carry on some work he has in view and so decided to leave Princeton, although with much regret. Mr. Nagel said that Columbia was fortunate in getting Dawson as general coach.

GOLF CLUBS TO ONLY USE CADDIES UNDER 16 YEARS.

If the golf links heed the suggestion of the United States Golf Association they will employ no caddies this year who are over sixteen years of age.

In connection with this matter the Secretary, Howard P. Whitney, has sent a communication to all member clubs in which emphasis is laid on the serious labor situation at present prevailing throughout the country in regard to the scarcity of available men for productive purposes.

## CHIP FOULS CLAY TURNER WHEN NEAR KNOCKOUT

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 25.—George Chip of Newcastle, Pa., lost to Clay Turner on a foul in the fifteenth round of their fight before the Union Boxing Club last night. Chip had been cautioned twice before by Referee Lee.

The Newcastle fighter was almost knocked out by Turner's right jab, as he delivered the blow. The Indian was his master throughout the fight.

Lafayette Wins at Tennis.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 25.—Lafayette defeated Lehigh's tennis team four matches to two. Lafayette won both doubles events and two singles.

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